THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSON NEL AND TRAINING, DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSON NEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) As per section 5(2) of the Administrative Tribunals Act, 1985, a Bench of an Administrative Tribunal shall consist of one Judicial Member and one Administrative Member. However, as per section 5(6) of the Administrative Tribunals Act, 1985, it shall be competent for the Chairman or any other Member authorised by the Chairman in this behalf to function as a bench consisting of a single Member to deal with the category of cases as specified vide Rule 18 of the Central Administrative Tribunal Rules of Practice, 1993, as may be amended by the Chairman from time to time. There is, thus, no bar to the functioning of a single Member Bench consisting of Administrative Member alone. *

(c) and (d) The Members of the CAT—both Administrative and Judicial—are appointed on the basis of the recommendations of a selection committee Chaired by a sitting Judge of the Supreme Court nominated by the Chief Justice of India and after cunsltation with the Chief Justice of India . Therefore, apprehension with regard to credibility of the judgements of CAT should not arise.

**Production of Mustard and Wheat in Rajasthan**

†*269. SHRI ONKAR SINGH LAKHAWAT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:"

(a) the State-wise position of the production of mustard and wheat during the last three years and what is the place of Rajasthan in this regard;

(b) the names of agricuhural products which were imported during the last three years alongwith the price-wise details of each and every country; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) the value of imported foodgrains alongwith the support price fixed by Govemment during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(a) The state-wise position of production of mustard and rapeseed and wheat is given in Statement-I and II respectively *(see* below). Rajasthan accounted for 22.33 lakh tonnes or 38.67% of total production of mustard and rapeseed in the country during 1998-99. The production of wheat in the state of Rajasthan was 68.80 lakh tonnes or 9.7% of all-India production during 1998-99. The state occupied the first position in terms of production of rapeseed and mustard and fifth in terms of production of wheat.

(b) and (c) The names of important agro items imported alongwith quantity and value are given in the Annexure *see* Appendix 188, Annexure No. 41. The minimum support prices fixed by the Government for various agricultural commodities are given in Annexure *see* Appendix 188, Annexure No. 41. The total value of these items imported during the last three years is as under:—

| Year | Value (Rupees in crores) |
|---|---|
| 1997-98 | 7002.55 |
| 1998-99 | 10870.35 |
| 1999-2000 (upto August) | 4970.90 |

The country-wise details of imports are available in monthly/annual number of Foreign Trade Statistics of India published by Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCI&S), Calcutta, copies of which are available in Parliament Library.

**Statement-I**

*Production of Rapeseed & Mustard 1998-99*

*Production (000' Tonnes)*

| | 1996-97 | 1997-98 | 1998-99 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Andhra Pradesh | 1.2 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| Arunachal Pradesh | 19.0 | 19.1 | 19.7 |
| Assam | 140.6 | 154.6 | 135.6 |
| Bihar | 75.1 | 89.3 | 83.9 |
| Gujarat | 470.6 | 350.0 | 468.9 |
| Haryana | 894.0 | 370.0 | 597.0 |
| Himachal Pradesh | 5.7 | 5.7 | 6.1 |
| Jammu & Kashmir | 45.1 | 44.3 | 44.3 |
| Karnataka | 1.7 | 1.2 | 1.9 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 672.6 | 417,0 | 667.9 |
| Maharashtra | 5.1 | 2.3 | 2.0 |
| Nagaland | 6.4 | 8.0 | 12.5 |
| Orissa | 2.9 | 3.2 | 2.4 |
| Punjab | 109.0 | 63.0 | 69.0 |
| Rajasthan | 2655.2 | 2193.3 | 2477.1 |
| Sikkim | 4.2 | 4.3 | 2.4 |
| Tamil Nadu | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Tripura | 4.9 | 4.0 | 2.9 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 1247.8 | 709.8 | 920.4 |
| West Bengal | 284.8 | 251.0 | 251.7 |
| Others | 11.8 | 11.9 | 7.4 |
| ALL INDIA | 6657.9 | 4702.9 | 5773.9 |

**Stotement-ii**

*Production of Wheat 1998-99*

*Production (000' Tonnes)*

| | 1996-97 | 1997-98 | 1998-99 (Advance Estimates) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Andhra Pradesh | 9.0 | 6.7 | 8.0 |
| Assam | 117.1 | 110.1 | 105.0 |
| Bihar | 4560.7 | 4159.3 | 4181.0 |
| Gujarat | 1336.0 | 1647.0 | 1952.0 |
| Haryana | 7826.0 | 7554.0 | 8615.0 |
| Himachal Pradesh | 531.0 | 531.0 | 641.0 |
| Jammu & Kashmir | 412.6 | 431.8 | 496.0 |
| Karnataka | 190.3 | 114.7 | 165.0 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 7793.2 | 7346.1 | 8344.0 |
| Maharashtra | 1167.0 | 675.0 | 117.0 |
| Orissa | 6.6 | 6.6 | 7.0 |
| Punjab | 13672.0 | 12719.0 | 14473.0 |
| Rajasthan | 6782.0 | 6700.1 | 6880.0 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 24049.6 | 23037.0 | 23170.0 |
| West Bengal | 839.0 | 810.5 | 795.0 |
| Others | 58.1 | 57.7 | 58.0 |
| All India | 69350.2 | 65906.6 | 71007.0 |

**LPG connections for public through Society in Saoner, Nagpur**

*270. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Govemment have received representations from Saoner Taluka villages (district Nagpur), duly recommended by